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Sir:

In conjunction with the present Request for Continued Examination (RCE,) applicants respectfully direct the attention of the Examiner to art not previously cited in this application.

The present application is a U.S. national phase under 35 U.S.C. §371 of PCT Application No. PCT/IL00/00056.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to review and consider this art.

Further, in order to comply with discretionary regulations 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98, attached is an Equivalent to Form PTO-1449 listing the cited art. Also attached is a copy of the art. This art contains information which the Examiner may consider to be important in deciding whether to allow the present application to issue as a patent.

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Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

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